In the Specification:

At page 9, please amend Table-I as set forth below:

Primers	Location	S/ AS	Nt. Position	Sequence
SEQ ID No. ~~1~~ 3 (SP-A2 F)	Exon 4	S	1602-1631	5' TGCCTCGTCCGCATTCACCCTTC AGAC TGC 3'
SEQ ID No. ~~2~~ 4 (SP-A2 R)	Intron 4	AS	1980-2009	5' TGCCTGGAGCCCCTGGTGTCCCT GGAGAGC 3'

At page 10, lines 1-3, please amend the paragraph as follows:

Invention also provides oligonucleotide sequences (as listed in SEQ ID NO. ~~1-2~~ 3-4, Table-I), suitable for use as allele specific primers for the detection of polymorphic sites listed in table-II.

At page 11, lines 12-18, please amend the paragraph as follows:

The first polymorphic site (A) as shown in FIG. 1, had either a G or a C. The second polymorphic site (B) contains either A or a G base. While the first substitution changes the amino acid sequence from Alanine to Proline, the second substitution is neutral. For example, the nucleotide sequence of the allelic variant of exon 4 of human SP-A2 gene having polymorphic sites as listed in table-II may be

5' gccccatggg tccacctgga gaaatgccat gtcctcctgg aaatgatggg ctgcctggag cccctggtat ccctggagag tgtggagaga agggggaggc tggcgagaga ggccctccag 3' (SEQ ID NO: 2).

At page 15, lines 1-5, please amend the paragraph as follows:

The DNA was then amplified by PCR by using the oligonucleotide primers:

5' TGC CTG GAG CCC CTG GTG TCC CTG (SEQ. ID. No. ~~1~~ 4) GAG AGC 3' (Forward)

5' TGC CTC GTC CGC ATT CAC CCT TCA (SEQ. ID. No. ~~2~~ 3) GAC TGC 3' (Reverse).

At page 16, line 22, please amend the sentence as follows:

Provided below is sequence listing information for SEQ ID Nos. ~~1~~ 4 and ~~2~~ 3, respectively.

At page 17, line 2, please amend the title as follows:

INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID No. ~~1~~ 4

At page 17, line 10, please amend the designation as follows:

SEQUENCE ID # ~~1~~ 4

At page 17, line 11, please amend the title as follows:

INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID No.~~2~~ 3

At page 17, line 19, please amend the designation as follows:

SEQUENCE ID # ~~2~~ 3